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GENERATION OF FOREIGN PARTICLES IN SEMICONDUCTOR FABRICATION PROCESS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 7, 2002

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--26. A processing method according to claim 1, further comprising controlling an operation of the semiconductor fabrication line in accordance with the data foreign particle defects detected.

27. A processing method according to claim 1, further comprising obtaining information of distribution of foreign particle defects on the substrate and storing the obtained

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